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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6935

BILL NUMBER: HB 1746

DATE PREPARED: Dec 21, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Transcript Fees.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill limits the fee for official transcripts of circuit, superior, probate, or county court proceedings to the fee set in rules adopted by the Supreme Court. It prohibits a court reporter or court from charging a separate fee, other than a document fee, for the delivery of a copy of a transcript. It prohibits the charging of a fee for a transcript if the Supreme Court fails to adopt a rule setting a fee.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill could reduce the costs to the offices of the prosecuting attorney and for either the local public defender or attorney who is providing pauper counsel. Transcripts are prepared for attorneys on a per page basis. As an example, if a witness testified and an attorney wanted a transcript of that testimony prepared overnight for cross-examination purposes, the attorney would pay a per page fee to the court reporter.

The per page fee is reportedly set by agreement among the court reporters in a county. The court reporter keeps the fee.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial Courts.

Information Sources: Prosecuting Attorneys Council.